

# Family Education Newsletter

KENTUCKY SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF

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## PARENT - TO - PARENT

Hello! I'm Janet Reid. I'm the mother of Amos Jared, a senior at KSD. Amos Jared has attended KSD since he was 3 years old. He has been a day student but has always enjoyed spending his evenings at the dorm. My husband and I decided to move closer to KSD and were fortunate enough to relocate here so he could stay home. I'm just as happy with our decision today as I was then!

KSD has enriched Amos Jared's education and social life tremendously. By no means has everything been perfect (even with my daughter's public school, we have experienced problems). By attending KSD, Amos Jared has gained independence, learned survival skills and gained the confidence needed to enjoy a healthy adult life.

One of the greatest benefits to attending KSD is that each class has a small number of children. This helps the students because the teachers are able to give the children the individual attention they need and provide them with immediate feedback. I feel it also helps the teachers and students build a better relationship.

Parents must understand that learning takes place both at school and at home. Many experiences happen within the home and family. Share these moments with your child. If you don't know sign language, please learn. Being able to communicate with your child lets them know how important they are to you.

I asked Amos Jared what he would suggest to parents of a deaf child. He said, "Parents need to ask their deaf child to help them learn to sign because deaf children and hearing parents need to understand each other. Go to school or somewhere to learn ASL."

*Janet Reid, parent from Lincoln County*



## PANCAKE AND SAUSAGE DAY... IT'S BACK !!!

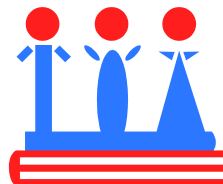
Wednesday, November 24, 2004

6:00 am - 2:00 pm

KSD's Grow Hall Cafeteria

The KSD's PTCA and Alumni Association have joined to bring back one of the most popular fundraisers and community events ever! Once again, we will have 8 hours of non-stop pancakes, sausage, and KSD's homemade breakfast rolls. There will be a silent-auction, crafts for sale, a drawing for some wonderful prizes, door-prizes, and much more!

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Supporting our children  
through home-school  
communication.

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## WALK KSD

The KSD Health Services staff has set up a new program to keep our staff healthy! This is called "Walk KSD." It is a walking challenge program for staff. People in each building walk throughout the week. We total their 'miles'. So far, we have walked over 1,500 miles with two weeks remaining in the program (as of 9/23). This is based on the 10,000 step program as well as Gov. Fletcher's walk wellness program.



## Pancake and Sausage Day *(continued from Page 1)*

All proceeds from the Pancake and Sausage Day fundraiser will be used by the PTCA and Alumni to support student needs, both in the classroom and student life program.

WE NEED YOUR HELP... We want this to be a statewide event. We need support from the West... from the East... North, and South! Please ask for one or two donations from stores or businesses in your area. It could be a small item for the door prizes, a cash donation to help sponsor the drawing ticket prizes, or a donation of food. Some examples of food items needed are listed below. All donations are tax deductible and a letter of appreciation will be sent from the PTCA and Alumni Association. Food items needed: pancake mix, syrup (regular or diabetic), coffee, sugar, flour.

Another idea is to send a Wal-Mart or Kroger gift card for \$5. or \$10. or MORE! We can use them to either purchase needed food items or as door prizes.

Send all donations, clearly marked as being for "PANCAKE and SAUSAGE DAY." Send everything by November 15<sup>th</sup>. We will need parents to volunteer to work on the big day, too. If you can help for an hour or two, or all day, it will be greatly appreciated. Just send the note below to school in an envelope marked: KSD-PTCA. We will need people to help serve in the food line, wash dishes, clean tables, and pick up after it's over. We will also need people to help set up on Tuesday night, Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:00 pm.

If you and your family would like to sleep on campus the night before Pancake and Sausage Day, please contact the KSD Switchboard to make your reservation. You can get up bright and early to volunteer.

YES, I want to support the KSD students. I can help Pancake and Sausage Day by...

\_\_\_\_\_ I will send a donation from a local business or store to be used as a door prize

\_\_\_\_\_ I will send a cash donation from a local business or store to be part of the drawing ticket

\_\_\_\_\_ I will send some non-perishable food donated from a local store

\_\_\_\_\_ I can come to KSD on Wednesday, November 24 and help work

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

CONTACT ME AT: \_\_\_\_\_

COMMENTS: \_\_\_\_\_



## ATHLETIC EVENTS

### Girls Volleyball

Oct. 7 - 5:00 Home  
(Lincoln Co.)

### Boys Soccer

Oct. 5 - 5:00 Home (Taylor County)  
Oct. 6 - 6:00 Home (Danville)

\* Oct. 20 - Awards Party for both teams will be at the Toy Box restaurant at 7:00 pm  
Practice for the Girls and Boys BASKETBALL teams will begin on Monday, Oct. 18<sup>th</sup>. Contact Paul Smiley for more information



## WHAT'S HAPPENING... ON CAMPUS...

Walker Hall Fall Soccer - Tuesday, Oct. 5 Tuesday, Oct. 19 Tuesday, Oct. 26  
All games will be at 6:30 pm at Millenium Park. Contact Sandy Smock for more information.

### Otology Clinic

KSD students who are clients with the Commission on Children with Special Health Care Needs will be seen by Dr. Jones on October 27<sup>th</sup>.

### School Pictures

All KSD students and staff will have pictures made on October 18<sup>th</sup>. Proof packages will be sent home several weeks after that along with order forms. If you have any questions, contact Marsh Shannon, here at KSD.

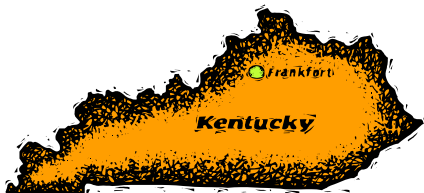
High School Club Days - The students in the High School can select from several different clubs for some fun, extra-curricular activities: Yearbook Club, The Fix Car Club, News casting, Music Club, Drama Club, and Juggling Club. These clubs will be meeting on Wednesday afternoons, 8 times during the school year. For more information, contact Scott Haun or Evie Smith.

### Pesticide Spraying

KSD is required to notify all staff and families, annually, of the schedule for pesticide spraying. The company will conduct their general spraying in buildings on campus on the second Friday of each month. If you have any questions, contact Bill Melton, Fran Hardin, or Larry Conners.



## and AROUND THE STATE...



Northern Kentucky - Families are encouraged to attend the Regional Parent Meeting on Thursday, October 21<sup>st</sup>. This will be at River Ridge Elementary School in Villa Hills from 6:00-8:00 pm. Families will have the opportunity to network with other families and obtain information from speakers and resources related to deafness. On Oct. 21<sup>st</sup>, the speaker will be Marinell

Kephard, the Director of the Northern Kentucky Special Education Cooperative. Also, information will be provided on the Shared Reading Project. Refreshments and childcare will be provided. For more information contact Sue Frisbee at 859-426-8036.

Eddyville - The next Parent Meeting and Student Social is set for Saturday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>, from 10:00-2:00. There will be a panel of parents and students who went to Louisville for DeaFestival last month. This will provide insight into what the trip meant to them... experiencing the Rathskellar, deaf artists,

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new assistive technology, etc. They'll be showing pictures from that trip and will have a time for students to make a collage about their experiences. It will be a lot of fun! Bring your lunch or the group will order pizza. Dessert and water will be provided. Contact Artie Grassman, Debbie Wagner, or Paula Humphreys for more information.

**Benton** - The next Silent Dinner will be on October 26<sup>th</sup> at the Peking Chinese Restaurant (83 Main Street). Bring a friend and meet some new ones... all ages of signers are welcome! Please contact Paula Humphreys at [Humphreys@ksd.k12.ky.us](mailto:Humphreys@ksd.k12.ky.us) or call 270-443-3055.

**Louisville** - On the weekend of November 5-7, the SEE Center from California is presenting a regional Skillshop. This is an intensive weekend workshop on Signing Exact English. The workshop provides beginning, intermediate and interpreter breakout training sessions. It is good for teachers of the deaf, interpreters, families with children with a hearing loss, special education teachers, regular education teachers and community members interested in learning Signing Exact English. The workshop will be at Heuser Hearing Institute, home of the Louisville Deaf Oral School. For registration and other information, contact Emily Lomax at 502-589-6314 ext. 227.



## STATEWIDE FAMILY SUPPORT CENTER - NEEDS ASSESSMENT

KSD families (and public school families) will receive a Needs Assessment from the new Statewide Family Support Center in the mail in the next week or so. The Family Support Center has been established as part of the Kentucky Department of Education's Implementation Plan to focus on the needs and issues that are important to families raising a child with a hearing loss. The staff wants the feedback from the Needs Assessment to build the program in a way that works for YOU.

Please return the forms to the Statewide Family Support Center as soon as possible. You are welcome to copy and share it with other families who might not be on the address list at this time. They want to hear from all Kentucky families!



## CLERC CENTER CELEBRATES!

The Laurent Clerc National Deaf Education Center is celebrating three years of website news. Started in July 2001 to keep its website viewers up-to-date on what's new or recently revised on the Clerc Center site, the E-Newsletter has been emailed more than 40,500 times as well as viewed online.

If you want to join the mailing list and receive monthly news about Gallaudet's National Essay Contest for Deaf and Hard of hearing Students, upcoming conferences related to deaf education, new transition and literacy products, and much more, you can subscribe to the monthly E-Newsletter via email:

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A last laugh, or two: *I signed up for an exercise class and was told to wear loose-fitting clothing. If I had any loose-fitting clothing, I wouldn't have signed up in the first place! OR Wouldn't it be nice if whenever we messed up our life, we could simply press 'Ctrl Alt Delete' and start all over? ☺*



### OCTOBER DATES TO REMEMBER

Friday, Oct. 1 - NO SCHOOL

Friday, Oct. 8 - end of the first 9-Weeks grading period

Oct. 9-17 - Fall Break - NO SCHOOL

Family and Community Sign Classes continue to meet on Monday nights from 6:30-8:30 pm.; Barb Snapp's sign class for families and bus drivers continues to meet on Friday mornings at 9:00 in Walker Hall.

PTCA meetings continue on every Tuesday of the month to plan the Pancake and Sausage Day events. All families are welcome to attend and help! ☺

HEADS UP for November... There will be NO SCHOOL on Monday, Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> and Tuesday, Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup> for Election Day.

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